

# Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter

Sat 11th/Sun 12th December 2010

3rd Sunday of Advent— Year A

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*Please Don't Litter Our Parish*

## Saturday 7pm-Sunday 10am

Sat 7pm Angela Maloney, O'Keeffe Park

Sun 10am Nellie Collins, Meelick -1st anniversary

## Week-Day Masses:

Mon. 7pm Margaret & Malachy Keaveney Mounckelly

Tues 9.30am Seamus Hussey & d.f., Patch

Wed. 7pm Frank Fahey, O'Keeffe Park

Thurs 6.45pm Mick Brennan + parents Michael & Mary & d.f., Boyounagh

Fri. 9.30am Mass

## Saturday 18th-Sunday 19th

Sat 11am Tess Raftery—Month's Mind

Sat. 7pm Mary Ellen Brady—Month's Mind

Sun 10am Mary, Daniel & Tommie Connelly, Boyounagh

Please pray for Mary Mullally, mother of Helen Giblin, Esker who died during the week; also, Pat & Mary Ward and Paddy Coyne whose anniversaries occur at this time

All weekend Masses for 2011 are now **fully booked**; weekday Masses are booked until September

**Confessions for Christmas:  
After the Masses next weekend**

### Next Sunday's Readings

4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Rom 1:1-7

Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

every Monday 7am-12 noon & 6pm-10pm. All welcome

**Church Income last week-end:** Envelopes: €713; Baskets:€180; Shrines, papers, ads.:€129; Holyday: €438

### Glenamaddy Bingo:

On Wednesday night in the Community Centre at 8.30pm. €1,170 in prize money including €500 Jackpot on 48 calls or less.

### Community Clubs' Lotto:

No Jackpot winner in last Wednesday's draw; numbers drawn were: 5-9-15-24. 4 Match 3s and share €100. Next Wednesday's Lotto Jackpot will be **€8,400**

**Divine Mercy Devotions** at 3pm every Friday

**Christmas Decorating:** The church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday next 19th at **3pm**. We were a little bit shorthanded last year so we invite people to come along and help with the decorating and putting up of the crib.

**Glenamaddy Active Retired** are holding their party on Tuesday at 7.30pm—weather permitting. All members are asked to attend and new members welcome.

This Advent Trócaire is asking us to remember **children in Somalia**. Somalia is desperately dangerous with only 30% of children able to attend school and many are forced to become child soldiers. This Christmas through its Global Gifts Trócaire is hoping to keep 15 primary schools open giving 3,500 children the chance to go to school for a year and stay safe. [www.trocaire.org/globalgift](http://www.trocaire.org/globalgift)

### Glenamaddy Community Development Company

**The AGM** of Glenamaddy Community Development Company will take place at the office at Clondoyle Training Centre on Monday 13th December at 8pm.

### Diocesan Prayer Service for Healing and Renewal

As part of the Apostolic Visitation a diocesan prayer service for healing for victims of abuse, for repentance and renewal in the Church will be held in **Tuam Cathedral on Tuesday, December 14th at 7.30 pm**. It will consist of a Liturgy of the Word, Prayers, Adoration, and a homily. Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa, leader of the Apostolic Delegation will preside and preach the homily. All are welcome to attend.

Archbishop Prendergast invites people, especially youth, to join him on **pilgrimage up Croagh Patrick** on Saturday next 18th at 9am (subject to weather being favourable)

## Teenage Disco

In Glenamaddy Community Centre on  
Friday 17th December **10pm-12am**  
**Mini-Bus available**, contact Tommie Forde  
094.9659688/086.8149336  
Note: Premises protected by CCTV Cameras  
Strictly supervised  
D.J.: **Vinnie** Adm: €5

To Christ, gently, I sing this song. I was once the  
most lost of all that is lost. I lived amazingly  
unconverted. Then one rainy day, under an oak  
tree, I found myself in an unexpected presence.  
Jesus washed not only my feet but my heart and  
my soul. It was a rain of grace. A conversion!

I am writing this in the rain  
because I love you  
and it was on a rainy day  
you healed me.  
Then having been touched  
by your life,  
I covered my face  
with my heart  
and became amazingly new.

I am beautiful at last.

I looked for myself  
in so many places  
and then, in my weariness,  
I forgot about myself  
and looked for You.

**Boyounagh-Ballyedmond Group Water Scheme**  
**Water Shortage:** Would members of the scheme please  
check their property for leaks and repair same.

### A Giving Time

Advent is a twinkling time  
Of stars and candles  
Of bright lights in city streets.  
Advent is a time of light,  
To celebrate the light  
That Jesus brought.

Christmas is a giving time  
Of presents and cards,  
Of mince pie parties and shared Christmas lunch.  
Christmas is a time of gifts  
To celebrate the gift that Jesus brought.

This twinkling, giving time  
Is full of promise, expectation, hope  
As we celebrate the big surprise:  
God's greatest gift—the Christ.  
But do we look for new surprises?  
Do we look for God  
Amongst our gifts and Christmas lights?

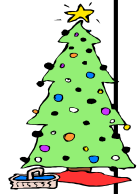
*Virginia Becker*

## Molloys' Fruit & Vegetables

Tel 094-9659167 or 086 8778004

**Orders now being taken for:**  
Christmas trees (Non shedding)  
Christmas Wreaths  
Fruit Baskets

*Wishing all our customers a Happy  
Christmas and*



## Divilly's Welcome Inn

Sat. 11th: Music in the Lounge  
**with Gentleman John**  
All are welcome

## Jim Pete's Pub

Sunday 19th: Pool Competition  
Thursday 19th: Pool Competition  
Fri, 24th: Traditional 'Candle Light' Christmas Eve  
Monday 27th: Pool Competition  
Tue. 28th: Trad Night—musicians & singers welcome  
Wed. 29th: Christmas Fun Quiz  
Thurs 30th: Pool Competition  
Sun. 2nd: Trad night—musicians & singers welcome  
*Wishing all our loyal customers a Happy Christmas  
& New Year*



## Christmas Craft Fair in The Oakland today

Sunday 12 noon-5pm. Lots of stalls including  
jewellery, candles, bric-a-brac and much more.  
Entry is free and Santa will be there.

**Glenamaddy Community School Parents Association**  
are holding a church gate collection next weekend  
18/19th December. We would appreciate your support

**Bingo** will be held on Monday, December 13th & 20th  
in Clonberne Community Centre at 8.30p.m. Over  
€2000 in prizes including hampers, cash & neighbours  
prizes. Come and enjoy. You never know your luck.

**Glenamaddy GAA club AGM** will take place on  
Saturday 18th December at 8pm in the meeting room.  
Everybody is welcome to come along.

*Please  
Do not drink when you drive  
You are not ready to see me yet.  
God*

## Helping Charities

Two boxes left in the porch  
**Used Stamps** for Leprosy Mission—leave 1/4" to 1/2" of  
paper around the stamps.  
**Mobile Phones** for Our Lady's Children's Hospital,  
Crumlin